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In 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency finalized a program to reduce emissions from diesel locomotives, including commuter rail. The Tier 4 emission standards aim to reduce PM and NOx emissions by 80 percent and 90 percent respectively for engines built in 2015 or later.

To ensure compliance, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) is in the process up upgrading its fleet of locomotives. Metrolink has secured \$41.8 million in Cap and Trade funds through the Statewide Rail Modernization Program to purchase seventeen Tier 4 locomotives. Metrolink has also submitted a \$58.9 million proposal to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Carl Moyer Grant Program to purchase an additional twenty Tier 4 locomotives.

Metrolink's transition to a fleet of Tier 4 locomotives will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions thereby pay long term dividends in public health and climate resiliency throughout Los Angeles County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five signature letter to the Governing Board of Directors of the South Coast Air Quality Management District to express support for Metrolink's grant request through the Carl Moyer Grant Program.

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